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The Burden of the Rails

By EDWIN C. UREN

Traffic over the Sierras on the Southern Pacific has never before been so heavy as it is these days. Along the winding double track rolls from 100 to 120 trains every 24 hours, counting returning locomotives that come back light after hauling the heavy trains up the two per cent grade to the Summit.

The original rails over the hill were made of iron and weighed 56 pounds to the yard. The rail joints simply rested in chairs without bolting. Today the steel rails weigh 132 pounds to the yard and take an awful beating with the grind of 85 car trains powered by three locomotives.

The old locomotives weighed 50 or 60 tons and carried 100 to 125 pounds of steam. Today's behemoths weigh over 200 tons and carry 260 pounds of steam. The exhaust, when they pass under full load, literally shakes the ground and nearly blows the planks off the roof of the sheds.

But these monster engines of 5000 horsepower and the rotary snow plow have eased the burden of the railroad to the extent of doing away with most of the snow sheds.

At Blue Canyon, where the sheds used to start, they extended for 40 miles east. Now there are but ten miles remaining, mostly on the east slope above Donner Lake where the winter snows are still too heavy to contend with.

Fire trains were stationed at Blue Canyon, Cisco, Summit and Truckee, always with steam up. A lookout station which is still visible from the highway, was located on Red Mountain, opposite Cisco, at an elevation of 1770 feet. From it fires could be spotted anywhere between Blue Canyon and the Summit by means of an indicator, such as in use by the Forest Service.

Notwithstanding these precautions disastrous fires fed by the drafts often destroyed not only long sections of the sheds but also warped the rails so badly that they also had to be removed. To ease this hazard the company constructed every half mile a 100 foot telesposic section on rails which was rolled back every spring to create a fire break.

Wear and tear on track and roadbed as well as rolling stock is a problem of the war effort. If you will stand beside the track when loaded cars are passing you will notice that whenever a set of wheels passes over a tie it sinks into the ballast and again rises. It is this constant kneading that shifts the track out of alignment and grade.

The outer rail as it approaches a curve rises gradually to overcome centrifugal force and the extra weight placed on the inside rail causes the metal to literally flow over the edge with heavy traffic. Flanges on the wheels wear down the inside edge of the outer rail so rapidly that the rails have to be transposed every few months. This makes maintenance on the mountain division a job that cannot be neglected.

The Morrison Knudsen Company a large contracting firm with headquarters at Boise, Idaho, have contracted with the S. P. Co. to maintain the tracks between Roseville and Truckee. To that end they have two crews at Colfax, a crew of forty at Blue Canyon and another of over a hundred at Norden. The Emigrant Gap crew which occupied the Cortopassi Hotel at a rental of $400 a month, has been disbanded.

The men are paid 85 cents an hour, with time and a half for overtime, or $9.34 for a ten hour day. The average take is $59.50 a week, out of which is withheld for board, taxes and union dues about $27, so that the average net earnings are $32.50 jer week or $130 a month. "And just to think," mused Tony, who is referred to as the mayor of Blue Canyon, "I used to work at Towles Saw Mill 50 years ago for $35 a month—and yet I saved some money."

The contracting firm maintain their own commissary and at Blue Canyon a typical meal consists of fried chops, corn peas, boiled potatoes, marmalade and fresh peach pie, with hot coffee and iced tea. The table is set family style and everyone may eat as much as he wishes.

Going east in large quantity today are principally fruit,oil and lumber. Coming west are, in great measure tanks, jeeps, structural steel and some amphibian tanks that are so large that they occupy a whole flat car. To stand beside the tracks and see train loads of this war material pass cannot fail to impress anyone with the magnitude of the war effort and the great job the rails are doing to bring certain victory in the end.

CLAIRE ENGLE TO APPOINT ARMY, NAVY STUDENTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—Congressman Clair Engle today announced that he had several appointments open to the Naval Academy at Annapolis and the Military Academy at West Point. He requested any young men between the ages of 17 and 22 interested in appointment to either Academy to write to him immediately. Congressman Engle pointed out that men now in the services who lived in the district are eligible for the appointments and can be sent to a preparatory school to study for the examinations. "It is important," Engle stated, "to secure the best possible material for the future leaders of our armed forces.

Although appointments are lim-Although the appointments are limited I am in hopes every young man seriously interested in a military career will apply so that I will have his name on file for consideration."

MRS. DORIS FOLEY HONORED BY O.E.S.

Evangeline Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star on Saturday night honored Mrs. Doris Foley, deputy grand matron. All chapters in her district sent delegations to the party.

Mrs. Mary German had charge of the program, which consisted of congratulatory addresses by visiting members of the order, the presentation of a handsome gift to Mrs. Foley and a banquet at which 200 were seated.

GRASS VALLEY HI ENROLLMENT ON UPGRADE

Student enrollment in the Grass Valley High School, William Wilson, principal, said yesterday, has now reached a total of 387, an increase of 28 since school opened three weeks ago.

The present enrollment is an increase of 50 over that of June last term. School records reveal that the increased enrollment following summer vacation is the first to be registered in four years.

The highest registration in the history of the school was 666 students in September, 1940. Since that time the number of students steadily declined until the present month.

OLIVER CARTER CHARGED WITH FIRING FOREST

Oliver Carter, aged recluse, who lives on Missouri Bar on the South Fork of the Yuba River, has been formally charged with setting fires in the Tahoe National Forest.

Carter, aged 64 years, has lived alone in his river side cabin for many years. Recently a fire originating near his home, swept the ridge between Missouri and Eastern Canyons, opening into the South Yuba, burning over 3,000 acres. Some 300 fire fighters were engaged in controlling it.

Last Friday another fire in Union Canyon, in the same vicinity was started. Fire fighters were early on the scene. Evidence of incendiarism was discovered and the arrest of Carter followed. He was detained in jail for questioning by William French ,forest law enforcement officer, following which French signed the complaint. His preliminary hearing is set for October 13th.

AUTHOR OF 'JUST WONDERIN' IS HONORED

Mrs. Adeline Merriam Conner, known far and wide for her prose and verse contributions to magazines and newspapers, especially her philosophy of life as revealed in "Just Wonderin'," was signally honored September 26th, when trees were planted for her and four other distinguished Californians, to form a background to the Equestrian statue of Joaquin Miller which looks out the Golden Gate in a little park, dedicated to the late poet, on the East Bay hills. A letter describing this event, written to Mrs. Conner by Woodbridge Metcalf, follows:

Mrs. Adeline Merriam Conner,
"The Cedars"
North San Juan, California.
Dear Mrs. Conner:

"And this is California, our homeland of the west."
"My heart in tender memory holds
the day when Bret Harte
walked with me."

I read your two poems with the above lines as part of the dedication ceremonies for the little redwood three yesterday. The affair went off very well with a good crowd present including Mr. Bryan, George Cornwall, Jim Overcast, Mrs. Trower, Mrs. Cornwall and Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. Boynton and Juanita Miller among the people you know.

The little redwood stands just to the southeast of the equestrian statue of Joaquin Miller and the other trees are spaced in a circle about it so that someday they will grow into what will appear to be a natural redwood circle. Each of the trees is now about five feet tall. The site is on the hillside from which a beautiful view of the bay, Yerba Buena island the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge and Golden Gate bridge can be seen. The statue is placed so that Miller is looking out through the Golden Gate with the groves of eucaluptus and other trees he planted forming a fitting background. Shrubs have been planted around the statue, including such familiar natives as California wax myrtle, ceanothus, toyon, and coyote brush. The afternoon was perfect with just enough fog to make it comtable and create a typical San Francisco bay atmosphere. A photographer took some pictures and one of them will probably appear in the Oakland Tribune. Juanita was dressed in blue with a flowing veil in preparation for a program of dances which followed the ceremonies at the Woodminster Theatre.

Mrs. Boynton read your poem "Joaquin Miller" following my remarks and then trees were also dedicated to Jos. R. Knowland, Herbert Coggins, and James McLafferty. Mr. Hoffman president of the Oakland board of park commissioners acted as chairman and Forester Sanborn of the park department had the trees planted and made the other arrangements. A number of your friends expressed the wish that you might have been present and sent best wishes for your speedy recovery from the cold which I understand has been bothering you recently.

I consider it a great privilege to have been asked by the Hoo Hoo club to speak in your honor on this occasion and only hope that I did full justice to the occasion.

With regards and best wishes to Mr. Conner.

Very sincerely yours,
WOODBRIDGE METCALF.

RED CROSS MEETING

The regular meeting of Nevada City Chapter of the Red Cross will be held Friday night at 7:30 in the production room of the local chapter in the Schmidt building on Broad street. Routine business will be transacted and all members are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ewing of Oakland returned home Sunday after a few days vacation spent at their home on the Tahoe Ukiah highway. Both are employed in war work in bay ship yards.

TRIBUTORS ARE CONTRACTORS, COURT DECIDES

Judge George L. Jones has rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff, in the case of the Empire Star Mines Company Limited versus the California Employment Commission, sustaining the contention of the mining company that leasers, who contract for a share of the gold recovered in return for extracting ore, are not subject to employment insurance taxes.

Federal courts had already ruled in accord with the plea of the mining companies, and Robert M. Searls, attorney for the plaintifff, was granted permission in the local court to submit the finding of the U. S. District Court in San Francisco, in which the plaintiff won a decision as regards taxes paid for leasers under the Social Security Act.

As Empire Mines Company paid unemployment taxes, suits were regularly filed by Searls and Lynne Kelly, Grass Valley attorney associated in the case. These were finally consolidated and brought to trial. The sums involved ranged from $80 to $95 depending on the number of contractors at work during each quarter.

Clarence A. Lynn, deputy from the attorney general's office who represented the employment commission pleaded that several leasers had been paid unemployment insurance in the period in which these taxes had been paid, indicating that the state had recognized its obligation under its own construction of the law.

In rendering his decision Judge Jones followed the reasoning of Judge Louderbach of the U. S. District Court, holding that contractors were not employes in a legal sense, and that the mining company was not therefore liable for unemployment insurance taxes, or, in the federal decision, for social security taxes. While the decision of U. S. district court was sustained in the U. S. Circuit Court in Washington, D. C., it is expected that the state will appeal Judge Jones decision to the California Supreme Court.

The system employed in California since Argonaut days, known as tributor, for developing mining properties, has bee largely responsible for the state's steady production of gold during 90 years of its history.

The tributor under a lease contractor agreed to mine and extract ore from a given underground area. He and those he employed worked upon a share basis. In the case of the Empire Mines Company the tributors received 50 per cent of the gross gold value of ore extracted after it had been milled and processed in the company's plant. Most of the big mines of this county and along the Mother Lode to a considerable degree owe their development to the tributor system.

WILFRED JOYAL NOW WEARS SILVER WINGS

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES CENTRAL FLYING TRAINING COMMAND, RANDOLPH FIELD October 7.—Young Americans from every state in the union and from Alaska and Haiti stood in long lines on the parking ramps of eleven advanced flying schools in the great southwest today to receive silver pilots' wings in graduation ceremonies of the Army Air Forces Central Training Command.

Precision trained in modern air combat, the bronzed and husky flyers need but brief transitional schooling before taking their places in the fighting armadas already blasting at the Axis on globe straddling fronts.

Today's graduation classes included, to a greater extent than ever before, a substantial percentage of commissioned officers who had left tactical and administrative assignments to receive flight training.

Included among the graduates is Wilfred N. Joyal of Nevada City. He is graduate of the Eagle Pass Flying School of Texas.

SOARING FARM LAND PRICES CAUSE CONCERN

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

There is growing concern, both in the national capital and throughout the country, over soaring farm land prices—and the current boom in farm property.

In some sections of the country, ccording to Federal Reserve economists, the land price spiral has reached proportions very similar to conditions which occurred during the disaster-laden 1914-1920 boom.

City speculators, rather than farmers, are said to be largely responsible for the present land bnying spree. Farmers, remembering what happened during and after the first World War, are for the most part, exercising considerable caution in expanding their holdings—and are being particularly careful not to buy at inflated prices.

The rapid climb in farm land values is due, in part, to the rise in prices of farm produce, but speculators apparently have failed to give sufficient consideration to the fact that farm operating costs have also skyrocketed.

Another factor contributing to the land boom is that thousands of war workers, looking ahead to the day when their war jobs will end, are buying farms with their war factory earnings.

A third and important factor, of course, is that many people are seeking to protect themselves against inflation by investing their money in land.

Washington economists have suggested several possible methods for controlling land prices and preventing an artificial boom, but frankly admit that they haven't found any satisfactory solution. The "controls" which have been suggested thus far are:

1 The taxation of farm land transactions and increased taxation of capital gains. This proposal, however, would probably be vigorously opposed by farmers who have held their land for many years and who would resent the government trying to prevent them from reaping a profit on it.

2 Purchase permits, which probably wouldn't solve the situation, and which smack too much of regimentation.

3 Credit control. This remedy, as a matter of fact, offers little hope of solving the problem, as fairly strict credit control already exists by both government agencies and private lending agencies.

In the final analysis, the only control which can be brought to bear effectively is the hard common sense of the American people. Gambling in land, as this writer has pointed out on repeated occasions, is just as dangerous as gambling at the race track or in the stock market. But farm land, bought at a reasonable price, and operated by a practical farmer, is a sound investment, although there will always be a big element of risk in any farming operation.

It is reassuring, at least, that the surveys indicate farmers have learned their lesson—and are not overbuying or buying at false values. After the last war, when over-production and ruinous prices for farm commodities played havoc with farm property prices, thousands of farmers found that they couldn't sell the land they had bought during the war period for as much as the mortgages standing against it.

Not only farmers but lending agencies suffered disastrously in the debacle which followed World War I—and American agriculture hadn't fully recovered from the shock when this war broke out.

Farm leaders and farm people should certainly do everything in their power to prevent a repetition of that economic disaster. This is the time to pay debts, not to incur new indebtedness. It is a good time to provide for the rainy days that are bound to come in the post-war reconstruction period.

$50 FOR SETTING FIRE

Chas. Hotha who was arrested September 14 by Forest Service officials for setting a fire in the Tahoe National Forest was arraigned Monday before Judge George W. Gildersleeve of the Nevada township court and plead guilty. The court levied a $50 fine which he paid.

GROUP MEALS CAN BE SERVED, SHARING POINTS

In answer to iquiries, the Office of Price Administration today explained that in many cases, lodges, church clubs, P. T. A. and other similar organizations may obtain rationed food for group meals served outside the homes of members by applying to their local War Price and Rationing Boards.

Points will be granted if the group served a meal for a similar occasion between January 1942 and February 1943. If no such meal was served during that year, points will be granted provided each person will be charged for his share of the food served.

The number of points granted is determined by the board, and is based either on the point value of the rationed food served on the former, similar occasion, or on an estimate of the number of persons to be served, as stated in the application.

However, since foods are rationed because they are scarce, consumers are urged not to make extra demands on limited supplies for such occasions unless conditions make it really necessary.

A simple alternative is to have persons who are to share a group meal contribute the food, or to plan to use the more plentiful unrationed foods.

It is possible too, for persons who share a meal to contribute their ration points in order to provide the food. This may be done either by contributing loose, one-point meat stamps (the only stamps which may be detached) or by lending ration books to the person who is to do the buying for the group. (Ration books may be loaned if the owner of the book is to share in the meal served.)

AMPLE FUNDS TO FIGHT OUTBREAK OF POLIO

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—On a combined survey and contact tour of the nation to secure first hand information from chapter heads as to the nationwide campaign against infantile paralysis, Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis made a hurried visit to California.

Stressing the fact that medical science and health authorities are working around the clock in research President O'Connor said:

"The Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in close cooperation with the medical fraternity is anxious and will see that every single case of poliomyelitis is given attention.

"We are directing the chapters to spend all the money they have, if necessary to combat the present wide spread outbreak. The quicker attention is given to those stricken the faster results are obtained. There is ample money to take care of all cases. Finances are the last thing to be considered. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was conceived and grew for just such an emergency as now faces various parts of the countr from this crippling disease. Money will be forthcoming whatever and whenever necessary."

Scout Councils Hold October Meetings

During October district meetings throughout the Boy Scout council are scheduled. Nevada City, under the chairmanship of Rev. Cedric Porter held its meeting last Tuesday. Grass Valley under the chairmanship of W. L. Goggin held its meeting last Wednesday. These meetings were preceded by scoutmasters and cubmaster conference with District Commissioners Lloyd Geist of Nevada City and Harry Poole of Grass Valley and the scout executive. Plans for a court of honor and other activities during the fall were laid. Roseville district, under the chairmanship of Dr. Robert H. Eveleth, is scheduled to meet on Tuesday. October 12th, following a court of honor in the Atlantic street school, while the Auburn district will meet at the scout office on Tuesday, October 26th, under the chairmanship of R. D. Richardson.

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SURPRISE PARTY

Hard-pressed German occupation forces on the French island of Corsica ran into the surprise of their lives when they were confronted by ten thousand Corsicans, armed with tommyguns. It is the Corsicans rather than the Italian garrison which went over to the allies, who are responsible for the approaching elimination of the last Nazi on the island.

The arms were landed on Corsica by allied submarines and dropped from the air by United Nations warplanes. A Corsican officer of the French army was sent ashore to organize the campaign against the Germans.

With the firm command of the air and sea resting with the allies in all theatres of the war, and with millions of the "conquered" in Nazi-occupied territory straining ever harder at the Nazi leash, it appears that the Corsican operation is only the fore-runner of similar surprise parties for the Axis.

BUREAUCRACY IS INFECTIOUS

The greatest occupational disease of governmental agencies is their assumption of more power than delegated to them by law. It is a disease not confined to federal boards, commissions and administrators who encroach on the legislative and judicial domains of government, but one which has spread to state and local agencies, as Governor Warren pointed out recently to the California Bar Association.

The movement is not a new one. And the war has accelerated it greatly. In some instances the assumption of debatable powers by a state or local governmental agency to meet a temporary war emergency may have been necessary in order to get speedly action. But for the most part, the war has served most agencies simply as an excuse to take on powers which they long have desired, but daed not assume in peace-time.

This trend in state government is exhibited particularly among various licensing agencies. They have taken on authority never granted them by the legislature and in the application of these powers often have violated the "due process of law" provision of the constitution.

It is gratifying to note that the governor is aware that the occupational disease of bureaucracy is spreading from federal to state governmental aegncies. His office can do much to check the trend.

REALISTIC POSTWAR PROGRAM

Americans must not sit back and wait for the end of the war to come and then flounder around for solutions to the problems they will have to face, or worse still, be forced into accepting tailor-made solutions of theorists.

Fortunately, Americans aren't.

From Albert Lea, the Minnesota farm community of 12,000 there comes a concrete program for a "full-employment" ptacetime economy. In what is probably one of the first community post war planning studies in the United States, a survey probed into every facet of the town's economic potertial to discover the jobs that will have to be found if there is to be a job for every man who wants one when the uniforms come off.

Through interviews with all local employers, data were obtained on the probable number of jobs, that will exist after the war. Studies also were made on markets, farm income, business conditions, and projected public works in the community. Potential postwar customers in the city and nearby farming community were queried to learn wha they wanted to buy in the first two postwar years.

Here is a community of citizens, genuinely concerned with the postwar picture, who do not lean back dolefully and wait for utter confusion, or indulge in the wishful thinking that envisages the brave new world of wonderful inventions to begin the moment hostilities cease.

Of course we cannot plan against all the eventualities that will occur after the war. But we can take stock now. And each community in the country should be "taking notes" of this kind to refer to when the crucial time comes.

BUTTON, BUTTON—WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?

Buttons seem to be in the news today. Both the Saturday Evening Post and the OPA have turned their gimlet eyes on this very necessary prop of civilization.

The Post relates an incident in the underground movement of Greek patriots against their oppressors in which buttons played a vital role. Three Italian officers were the victims of the incident. They were overwhelmed by a group of Greek patriots. The patriots carried knives which the Italian officers feared would be momentarily plunged into their bodies. But the patriots took what they considered a greater vengeance. They carefully cut away each button from the afficers uniforms. The officers then were turned loose to find their way home, clutching their sagging tousers, and flapping voats.

The OPA, with greater modesty, has mounted its button assault against undergaments. In order to conserve manpower and materials, it has ruled that laundries need no longer repuace buttons on underwear and pajamas. It assumes, apparently, that as long as everything looks well from the outside, men can be left to squirm in droopy underwear.

The OUA ruling thus removes another prop of civilized man in order to save civilization. But with it there should have been a warning to those fiends in human form who seek work in laundries in order to satisfy their diabolical passion against buttons. They have flourished despite the best efforts of laundry owners. Now with all the stops out, we shudder to think of the result.

GOVERNOR EARL WARREN PROCLAIMS NEWSPAPER WEEK

"During this long period of supreme war effort we have, as a people, come to lean more heavily than usual upon our daily and weekly newspapers. We look to them to keep us fully and wisely informed as to developments the world over and to publish the sober facts which will keep us alert to the needs of each day. And, we look to them to cooperate in all local activities which the war has caused to be imposed upon our community life.

'It is fitting that we as a people pause to consider the importance of this service—the beneficial influence of a free press upon our daily lives. These are days when there must be intelligent evaluation of our gains and a cautious weighing of all trends which may influence our future. These are days when community effort must be united and effective. More than ever before we need the guideposts of accurate, full presentation of news for the cross-currents in which we are caught and the trends which we must evaluate extend far beyond our own immediate horizons.

"Democracy has long since proved the worthiness of its reliance upon a free press. The manner in which newspapers have assumed new responsibilities and given of their time and space during this period of emergency adds to the conviction that the rights of the free press are a safeguard to be treasured.

"As Governor of California, I, Earl Warren, take this occasion to commend the daily and weekly newspapers of this state for the many and splendid public services they have rendered during the months the nation has been at war and to herby urge a general statewide observance of National Newspaper Week which has been designated as the period from October 1 to October 9, 1943.

"In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of California, to be affixed this 30th day of September, A. D., one thousand nine hundred and forty-three.

EARL WARREN,
Governor of California.
Attest: FRANK M. JORDAN,
Secretary of State."

RATION FACTS FOR CONSUMERS

Home Butchering—Farmers and ranchers may slaughter animals they have raised. The person slaughtering the animal must have raised it from infancy, or owned the animal for at least sixty days prior to slaughter or have increased its weight 35 per cent. In either case the animal must have been fed on the raiser's own ranch. Points do not have to be surrendered. If the meat is to be sold by the rancher, he must register with his War Price and Rationing Board as a primary distributor of meat and surrender the points collected.

Truck Gasoline Renewals — All holders of T rations must visit their local boards in order that applications can be checked and certificates of war necessity reviewed. Renewal books will be mailed.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 valid indefinitely. Stamp No. 1 on the "airplane sheet in Ration Book 111 will be valid for one pair of shoes beninning November 1st. The dropping off in shoe production for civilian use is caused by a combination of factors including heavy drains for military purposes, greatly reduced leather supply, and manpower shortage.

Tractors—Used tractor and implement tires will be removed from rationing as of October 2nd to encourage the full use of existing supplies of farm service tires in vital food production.

Ammunition—Prices of ammunition shall not exceed those of March 1942.

Tires—Eligibility for new passenger tires (Grade I) is restricted to C book drivers with a mileage of 601 or more per month.

Consumer Pledge—Every consumer is pledged to abide by the pledge: to pay no more than top legal prices, and to accept no rationed goods without giving up ration points.

WAR BOND SALE IN NEVADA CITY TOTALS $132,886

Final tabulation shows that Nevada City has sold a total of $132,886.25 in War Bonds during the recent drive between September 1 and October 2. That showing is regarded as a most creditable one and again demonstrates the loyalty of the people of Nevada City in rising to meet their patriotic obligations. This result is the more remarkable when it is considered that nearly $52,000,000 of the total sales were of Series E Bonds—that is, the drive has succeeded because the small investor, who makes a real sacrifice to do his part, has subscribed to the full limit of his ability.

The success of the drive is also due in large measure to the faithful and untiring work of the committee members and many volunteer workers who gave of their time without solicitation and have remained anonymous. The local chairman indicates that special thanks must go to the following who have rendered noteworthy service throughout the drive: Fred F. Cassidy, R. R. Goyne, H. A. Curnow, Mrs. Virginia Ghidotti, Miss Elma Hecker, Mrs. H. M. Haley, Miss Beryl Granholm, Joe Day, H. F. Sofge, Elza Kilroy, Miss Mary Davis, P. G. Scadden, Mrs. Dorothy Adams, R. J. Bennetts, J. C. Scheemer and Irving Long.

From where I sit . .

by Joe Marsh

Every time Lem Martin hears about another Jap battleship being sunk—or another Nazi city being blasted—Lem grits his teeth, and digs into his pocket for more War Bond money.

"With our soldiers over there doin' better 'n' better at their scorin'," Lem says grimly, "we can do the same at home."

It's easy to think that if the war is going well, we can afford to let down just a little instead o' realizing that the bigger our offensive gets the more our boys are going to need equipment and munitions.

From where I sit, here's the way it is . . . It's up to everyone of us to put not only our spare money into War Bonds, but to figure out new ways of saving so that we'll have still more money to invest in Victory.

As Lem says: "We asked for plenty of action—and we're sure getting it. All over the world our men have got them Axis fellas on the run. Let's Back the Attack with War Bonds."

Joe Marsh

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Supervisors Approve Soil Conservation Petition

At the three day meeting of the Nevada County supervisors which adjourned Monday the supervisors approved a petition for a soil conservation program which had been circulated in the southern and western portion of the county. A hearing will be held by the board in the offices in the courthouse on November 3rd.

Grass Valley War Loan Sale Totals $216,501

Howard Bennetts, chairman of the Grass Valley Third War Loan drive, yesterday reported that to date, bonds sales total $216,501. Until October 15 sales of bonds locally will be credited to the drive. He said that the bond rally of Saturday swelled the total by $40,000.

ECONOMIC PARLEY PENDING

WASHINGTON, D. C. Oct. 7.—Progress has been made toward arranging a United Nations Industrial Economic Conference to help prepare a sound economic foundation for a lasting peace, according to Frederick C. Crawford, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Crawford, who first proposed such a conference on June 9 in an address before the Canadian Manufacturers Association, was joined by Eric Johnson, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, who on September 2, came out for similar consultation.

In discussing the development Crawford, who is president of the Thompson Products, Inc., disclosed that he has conferred with Secretary of State Hull and Assistant Secretary of War Patterson in an effort to clear the way for the meeting. Transportation of delegates, he pointed out is a major problem.

A moderately active person uses about half the energy he gets from food just for keeping alive; this minimum use of energy is known as basal metabolism.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Mr. and Mrs. Franc Luchen entertained at a breakfast Sunday morning the occasion being the birthday of Mr. Luchen, at their pretty little home on the Murchie road. There were eleven in the party that came to bring gifts to greet and wish him well. A brother, Dr. Harry Luchen, made the huge cake and artistically decorated it. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bob White, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Davis and son, of Sacramento, Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis of Willow Valley, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Luchen, Los Angeles.

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OLD SPANISH GRANTS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Old Spanish and Mexican grants were the first stable form of land ownership in California and thus they are a subject about which Californians should be informed. The San Francisco Regional Service Committee has prepared a series of six articles about these grants of which this article is the first.

Much has been written of the princely domains given by the Spanish kings to soldiers serving them in California. Truth to tell, there never were more than a dozen Spanish grants in California and they were grazing permits from the provincial governors rather than royal gifts.

Most of the grants which ultimately totalled 1045 were made during the Mexican regime which began in 1882 after Mexico broke away from Spain. The golden age of the ranchos was between 1828, when the Mexican land laws were clarified, and 1846, when the Americans conquered the province.

Prosperity resulted from the commerce with Yankee ship captains who brought silks from the Orient and fine furniture from New England to trade for the hides and tallow of the long-horned Spanish cattle. On this substantial foundation life attained a gaiety and graciousness perhaps never elsewhere equalled on this continent.

After 1828 any Mexican of good character and any naturalized Mexican who embraced the Catholic faith could have, practically for the asking, up to 11 square leagues of land—nearly 50,000 acres.

The treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo at the close of the Mexican War confirmed the owners under the old regime in land tenure. Actually, the policy followed by the U. S. Board of Land Commissioners set up in 1852 to pass on the validity of titles put the burden of proof on the owners. Of 813 claims presented before the commission, 612 were confirmed, 273 were rejected and 19 discontinued. Of these rejected, the owners appealed to the District Court in 132 cases and won 98 reversals. The government attorneys appealed 417 cases, but won only 5.

Some historians contend the unnecessary difficulty placed in the way of the owners, resulting in many cases of litigation so prolonged as to be ruinous, was directly responsible for the decline of the ranchos. It certainly helped, but so did the drought of 1864, when thousands of cattle starced to death and many a ranchero, as a result, lost his heavily mortgaged lands.

Next: The First Spanish Grant.

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GEORGE MILLER FUNERAL FRIDAY

The George N. Miller funeral services have been arranged for 2 p. m. Friday, October 8 and will be held at the chapel of the Hooper Weaver Mortuary, Inc. with Rev Mark Pike of the Grass Valley First Methodist Church as the attending clergyman. Burial will be made in Elm Ridge Cemetery.

Miller, who was born in Grass Valley November 14, 1865, died at the Nevada County Hospital Tuesday night at the age of 77 years, 10 months and 21 days. He had been ill for several weeks.

A miner by vocation, the Grass Valley resident, who made his home on Ophir Hill, off the Colfax highway, was deeply interested in hunting an fishing. He spent considerable time around his home in vegetable and flower garden culture.

A daughter, Mrs. L. H. Peters, Sacramento; two sons, Earl and Elmer Miller, Grass Valley; two grand children, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews survive.

Former Resident Of Grass Valley Passes

Mrs. Theresa Jordan, who would have been 90 years old on October 13th, passed away at Colorado Springs, Colorado, Saturday, according to dispatches received by her relatives here. Mrs. Jordan lived in Grass Valley from 1918 until 1937.

Her son, Stewart Jordan, and her daughter Miss Marie Jordan, were teachers at one time in the Grass Valley High School. Funeral services were held in Colorado Springs. After cremation the ashes will be interred in the Greenwood Cemetery in Grass Valley.

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Taxes of the City of Nevada for the year 1943 are now due and payable. If not paid before 5 p. m. on Monday, October 13, 1943 a penalty of ten per cent will be added.

Office hours: 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

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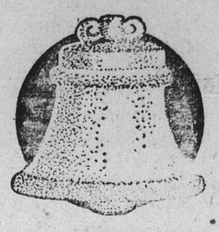
Well Baby Conference Today At Elementary School

Well baby conference will be held at Nevada City Elementary School, 605 Main stret this afternoon from 1 to 3:30 p. m.

This is the first conference since the summer vacation. Dr. Bernard Hummelt will be examining physician and will be assisted by School Nurse Isabel Hefelfinger and Parent Teacher members Mrs. Minnie Young and Mrs. Merle Morrison.

These conferences are conducted under the supervision of the California Department of Public Health. Bureau of Child Hygiene to promote the health of infants and pre-school children. Parents are invited to bring infants and pre-school children to this conference.

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors have approved a petition for the formation of a soil conservation district embracing about 50,000 acres is the southwest section of the county. The board will hold a hearing on the project in the court house on November 3rd.



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EACH FACED WITH THE SAME WAR PROBLEMS—BUT EACH WITH VARIATIONS, EACH WITH ITS LOCAL ANGLES.

Because these problems are never exactly the same, they call for local understanding and local leadership.

But it must be local leadership that understands national needs, local leadership that is respected because of long-time service to the community!

Of all the institutions in a democratic community, none is better suited to be this leader of the people, this arouser of public opinion, than the local paper.

And it is our great good fortune that there are more of these local papers in America than in any other country —13,000 dailies and weeklies serving 9882 communities, fighting the war on 9882 local fronts.

These newspapers are, in many cases, the biggest single influence in their communities. No other medium covers local life as completely as they do. No other medium puts down the local facts in black and white, where you can study, analyze and preserve them.

No other local medium touches so many lives at so many points. Through the greatest news-gathering organization in all the world, American newspapers bring the sweat and blood of the battlefront home to the people as forcefully as they do the homefront problems.

No other medium in these 9882 local fronts is nearly as well equipped to point out, to explain, to arouse action on a war problem.

PART OF THE RECORD

Let's look at some of the local jobs which the newspapers can do, and which many of them have done so well.

There's the manpower problem.

No matter what national policies are laid down on man-power, there's a big job to be done locally. For in each area the problem is different.

In some its industrial; in some, farm; in some, a mixture. In Porthmouth, Va., it's ships; in San Diego, Cal., it's planes; in Milldale, Conn., it's nuts and bolts, Pittsburgh, Pa., has 13 major industries. Hanover, Pa., has one.

In this sort of situation, Washington can't know all the in's and out's. It's a job for the folks who live on the spot.

In many war-production centers, the newspapers have acted as the stirrer-upper, the speeder-upper, and the unifier which inspired local people to pitch in and solve this problem.

RESULTS: Better housing for incoming workmen. Better schooling for their children. Better health facilities. Child-care centers and amusement centers set up. Banking, store, and professional hours rearranged to fit working schedules. Busses rerouted to speed war workers to jobs. Women persuaded to take over men's tasks. And dozens of other home-run accomplishments.

There's the rationing problem.

Stop a minute and think of the enormous expense and extra work the government would be saddled with if ration-point values weren't published by the newspapers!

Think of the unavoidable delay there'd be, getting this information printed and out to 135,000,000 people!

And think of the confusion there'd be if the facts weren't in people's hands at once — IN GOOD HONEST TYPE—for checking!

This publishing of ration-point values, alone, is an invaluable service to the country and the community. But the newspaper doesn't stop here.

It exposes rationing abuses and violations. It gives the black market a black eye. It publishes recipes showing how to build nourishing meals around nonrationed items. And through its editorial pages it helps make the need for rationing understood—so that it's cheerfully accepted by every decent American.

It is fair to say that without our great network of newspapers it would have been almost impossible to cope with the rationing problem.

There's the giant problem of war-financing

The newspapers have done a wonderful job for the Treasury Department.

They have made national War Bond Drives community affairs—made it a matter of local pride to exceed the community quota, a matter of shame not to.

They have given front-page space, editorial-page space, advertising space to these promotions. And this sort of effort is becoming increasingly important, due to the growing need for individuals, rather than companies and banks, to become the big purchasers of War Bonds.

In a similar way, the local papers can and usually do get behind national drives of all kinds—such as the Red Cross Drive, the Fat Conservation Drive, and the enormously successful Scrap Drive.

Here the newspapers have proved to be a short and sure way to reach the people, to reach them as many times as necessary and to give the campaigns the local twist that helps put them across.

In making these projects a local success, not only the NEWS pages and the EDITORIAL pages play a part: the ADVERTISING carried by the paper is a major factor.

Business men and merchants, in advertising space they pay for, help sell War Bonds and Stamps—they get customers to carry packages and thus save tires and gas. They discourage hoarding. They explain rationing. They get blood donors for the Red Cross—and do a score of other important war jobs.

A TWO-WAY BRIDGE—

Unlike the newspapers of our enemies, which represent the viewpoint of the government and the government alone, our free, democratic press is a two-way bridge between the people and the government, between the community and the nation, interpreting one to the other for the better working of democracy.

Even a small town newspaper, edited with wisdom, vision, and integrity, can become a national influence, its guidance sought in Washington by congress, the administration, and the over-burdened agencies which struggle with the war's emergencies.

Day by day, the newspapers unfold for us a clearer picture of the astonishing accomplishments of this democracy at war. But we must read between the lines to realize the full part played in these accomplishments by the press itself, which, by the very nature of its work, deals so largely with the accomplishments of others.

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WITH OUR BOYS IN GLOBAL WAR

Louis Butz—

Louis Butz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Butz of Nevada street, who is now in Camp Gordon, Ga., is expected home before long to visit for a time. He entered the service in January. Louis spent some time in a camp in Texas. He is in artillery and at present is testing radios in airplanes while they are flying in the air. His brother, Walter, is still in camp at Grand Island, Nebraska, training in the air corps.

Carl Hieronimus—

Carl Hieronimus, who visited in Nevada City with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hieronimus recently, is now in barracks in Camp Haan. With his company he has spent practically the whole summer in training on the desert in Southern California.

Bill Hatch—S2/c—

Bill Hatch, S2/c, is now at the naval base at Bremerton, Washington. He spent the first few months training in the fresh water on the lake at Farragut, Idaho and now will take up salt water training.

RALLY DAY IN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday will be Rally Day in the Methodist church beginning with Sunday school at 10 a. m. There will be a good program in the Sunday school and also in the church in all services. The parents are asked to accompany the children. The pastor would like for all the parents and children to attend the morning service.

STUDY WAR PROBLEMS

The Grass Valley Business and Professional Women's club met last evening in Bret Harte Inn to discuss the Effect of the War on the Professions. Miss Esther Hartung, teacher in the Grass Valley schools, will have charge of the program. The club is holding monthly forum meetings in which various aspects of the war are studied.

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CONGRESS SEEKS CURB ON BUREAU SPENDING

By JAMES PRESTON

American industry's policies and operations both during and after war will be vitally affected by the new inquiry that congress has undertaken. Almost a week ahead of the reconvening of congress the House Ways and Means committee opened public hearings on the whole question of rehabilitation of war contract.s

Government spokesmen, including those for the armed services, are presenting vigorous opposition to any proposals for drastic changes in the present renegotiation act, while many leading congressmen are agreeing with Senator Walter F. George (chairman, Saenate Finance committee) that the renegotiation statute will have to be either repealed or drastically amended. The whole question of renegotiation promises to develop into one of the sharpest controversies and biggest of the major issues to be decided by congress during the coming fall and winter months.

Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt has announced the establishment of a new Office of Vocational Rehabilitation within his agency. Headed by Michael J. Shortley the new office will facilitate reemployment of the physically handicapped by providing for physical restoration where possible, and training necessary for employment.

The capitol expects bills this fall to require all government agencies to file financial reports of expenditures with congress and to have their financial operations audited by the general accounting office D.ecisions to press for such legislation stems from the investigations of the joint committee on Non-Essential Government Expenditures which found that a total of 51 government agencies have authorizations of funds for disbursement totalling $32,948,000,000. It was pointed out that these disbursements do not come before congress for rejection or approval or even for scrutiny.

Some congressmen have been advised that a special manpower report prepared by Bernard M. Baruch and John Hancock stresses incentive wage payments as one of the most effective means of solving many existing labor supply difficulties. Though the report has not yet been made public, congressmen say the program to stabilize labor conditions on the Pacific Coast (effective September 15) stems from the Baruch-Hancock recommendations. Keynote of the plan is that it would avoid national regimentation of labor from Washington and have the administration of manpower problems handled by local committees in the areas where labor shortages exist.

Three hundred and sixty nine more coal mines held by the government have been released under the Smith-Connally Act, Secretary of the Interior Ickes said, bringing the total to 549 mines released. Still in government possession are 2,829 mines.

There are 6,000,000 more women at work now than in July, 1940, according to the War Manpower Commission and 17,100,000 are working now as compared with 14,100,000 a year ago, and 10,800,000 in 1940.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Christian Science Society of Nevaad City holds services every Sunday morning in their church, 114 Boulder street at 11 o'clock.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Subject of the week's Lesson-Sermon is "Are Sin, Disease and Death Real?"

A Wednesday evening testimonial meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8 o'clock.

Our reading room at 117 Broad Street is open every day except Sundays and holidays from 2 to 4 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend our service and visit the reading room.

"Are Sin, Disease and Death Real?" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon Sunday, October 19, in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. The Golden Text will be: "I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord," (Jer. 30:17).

Other Bible citations will include: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases," (Ps. 103; 2, 3).

The Lesson-Sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "It breaks the dream of disease to understand that sickness is formed by the human mind, not by matter nor by the divine Mind. The remedy is Truth, not matter. the truth that disease is unreal" (pp. 396, 229.)

BIGGEST HOLDING COMPANY IN NOW U. S. GOVERNMENT

By CLEM WHITAKER

It is a curious paradox that the ex-New Deal as some of the Washington writers now refer to Mr. Roosevelt's administration, began by belaboring big business as an instrument of the devil—and threatens to end up as the biggest business monopoly in the history of America!

Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, a New Dealer or an anti-New Dealer—whether you approve or disapprove of this trend toward bigness in government—it is a fascinating political phenomenon, because it is the story of David who slew a Goliath and then took on many of the attributes of the big fellow he so robustly pushed around.

For the same administration which won its election by blaming the depression on "concentrated wealth," by waging relentless war on monopolies and by denouncing "economic royalists" as arch conspirators against human progress, has now become the biggest "holding company of them all.

The trend was well advanced before the outbreak of hostilities, but just during the short period of the war the government, under President Roosevelt's guiding hand, has invested the fabulous sum of twenty-five billion dollars in industrial properties.

True, this vast industrial monopoly is owned, at least in theory, by the people—and simply represents government ownership on a scale never heretofore contemplated—but the fact remains that it is concentrated wealth," with tremendous power for good or evil, and that relatively few men control it.

Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, who is authority for the twenty five billion dollar figure, reports that the government has a cool billion invested in steel production alone; that it owns aluminum plants worth $760,000,000; that it controls 92 per cent of the production of magnesium, with $430,000,000 invested.

By the end of the war, predicts Jones, the government will have an investment of $625,000,000 in the plants for the production of synthetic rubber, with a capacity of 800,000 tons, or more than we have ever used in peace times.

And while much of this vast concentration of industrial power in the hands of the government may have been justified by war emergency conditions, Secretary Jones warns that when the war is over the government will be in a position "to smother private enterprise" in several fundamental and key industries."

The question which Mr. Jones really raises is whether this country can endure, half under the free enterprise system—and half under state socialism. And he apparently thinks it can't. That's something to think about, because it is quite probable that the next campaign against bigness in this country will be against the government.

Army Pays High Price For Turkeys

To meet the continued needs of the army for turkey for shipment overseas for holiday dinners, the Office of Price Administration has consented to a continuation of pricing action.

On September 4, 1943, OPA announced that during September the quartermaster corps would pay for dressed turkey up to a maximum of 8 1-2 cents a pound above the maximum base price for the same kind of turkey alive, regardless of whether delivery is made from a processing plant or from a wholesale establishment.

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Personal

Lieutenant Dr. John R. Bell, who is stationed at Camp White, Oregon, has been visiting his family in Nevada City for a few days. He, with Mrs. Bell and the two sons left yesterday for Oregon where they will remain as long as Lieut. Bell is stationed at Camp White. They have been fortunate in securing a very pleasant apartment near Camp White.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tucker of Sacramento enjoyed the past week end in their home in Nevada City.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Morgan of Sacramento enjoyed a visit at the Will Davis home in Willow Valley Sunday.

FOREST RECEIPTS SET NEW RECORD

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7. — National forest receipts reached an all time high of $10,056,448 in the fiscal year ending June 30, according to Lyle F. Watts, chief of the forest service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. This amount is three million dollars greater than last year's figures which broke all previous records. The gain reflects the increasing contribution to the war effort made by 160 national forests located in 40 states and Alaska and Puerto Rica according to the chief forester.

Timber sales, which have been stepped up materially to meet the demand for wood for war uses, accounted for $7,547,607 of the total. Next in importance were returns from grazing fees on 10 million head of livestock, mostly in the western states, producing meat, wool and leather for the armed forces and civilian population.

Of the ten national forest regions, including Alaska receipts from the Pacific Northwest (Washington and Oregon) amounting to $3,445,733, topped all others; the southern national forest region was second, and the California region (California and southwestern Nevada) third with a total of $976,131.

The principal source of receipts from the California and Nevada national forests were: Timber sales, $582,296; grazing $205,148; special land use $147,877; water power rentals $31,566. The Plumas and Lassen national forests held first and second place in timber sales business and accounted for $373,560 of the total received from this resource.

Since federal property is not taxed 25 per cent of all money received from each national forest is turned over in lieu of taxes to the state to be expended for the benefit of public schools and roads of the counties in which the forest is located. An additional 10 per cent is also used for road and trail building and upkeep on the forests, making in all a total of 35 per cent of the receipts returned directly to benefit national forest communities.

The Marine Exchange in San Francisco has operated continuously since 1849, except during the earthquake and fire of 1906.

Hunter Accidentally Shot In Knee

Rolland Garwood member of the U. S. Medical Corps with the Amphibian Engineers at Fort Ord, home on a short furlough, accidentally shot himself through the left knee Sunday while hunting near Round Mountain, Nevada County.

Garwood was sitting on the running board of his car pumping shells out of his short barreled automatic rifle when the hammer slipped. The bullet entered his leg above the knee and ranged downward. His companion, Edward Berger, drove him to the Miners Hospital where first aid was administered. He was then taken to the army hospital at Camp Beale. The wounded soldier is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Garwood of this city.

RED CROSS MEETING

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